5 Determine Key Characteristics

Consider the following questions to determine the key characteristics of your selected article:

Questions for Consideration	Article Notes
1. When was the article published? Refer to **"Article Citation."**	
2. Is a free, full-text article available? Click **"Find Article."**	
3. What do you notice about this article's quality? See **"Quality Appraisal."**	
4. For systematic reviews, what types of studies were included in the search? What years were included in the search? See **"Article Details"** for **"Study Designs Included"** and **"Years Searched."**	
5. Did this research receive funding? If so, is there potential for bias due to the sponsoring body? See **"Article Details"** for **"Sponsoring Body."**	
6. Did the authors provide a rating or grade of the evidence behind each recommendation or conclusion? If so, how strong was the evidence, and how does that impact its trustworthiness? See **"Evidence Ratings Used in this Document"** and **"Recommendations from this Guideline"** or **"Conclusions from this Systematic Review."**	
7. What takeaways can be drawn from the studies' recommendations or conclusions? See **"Recommendations from this Guideline"** or **"Conclusions from this Systematic Review."**	

ASHA's Evidence Maps: Resource List

Explore ASHA Evidence-Based Practice (EBP) Tools and Resources

EBP Overview and Resources to Guide Implementation
- ASHA Evidence-Based Practice (EBP) Homepage
- ASHA EBP Process
- ASHA EBP Toolkit
- ASHA Evidence Maps

Take a Deeper Dive into EBP Concepts
- Bias, Appraisal Tools, and Levels of Evidence
- How to Search for External Evidence in Communication Sciences and Disorders (CSD)
- Statistics Refresher
- Understanding Research Designs and External Scientific Evidence

Printable EBP Worksheets
- Create a PICO Question [PDF]
- Create a Search String [PDF]
- Track Your Results [PDF]

Printable EBP Reference Information
- Finding Free-Access Research [PDF]
- Identify Biases [PDF]
- Study Design Features [PDF]
- The DECIDE Framework [PDF]
- Which Research Design Should You Find? [PDF]

Additional ASHA Tools and Resources
- ASHA Practice Policy Documents
- ASHA Practice Portal Pages
- ASHAWire

Other Resources Mentioned in This Course
This list of resources is not exhaustive, and the inclusion of any specific resource does not imply endorsement from ASHA.

Research Databases
- JSTOR
- PubMed

Appraisal Tools
- AGREE II

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